

1998 HOPWA COMPETITIVE GRANTS

Partnerships to Provide Housing and Related Services to Persons Living with HIV/AIDS

Office of Community Planning and Development
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

"For too many Americans living with AIDS, poverty is nearly as much of a threat as the disease itself," Vice President Gore stated in announcing \$20.15 million in grants to 20 community-based programs which address the housing needs of low-income Americans with HIV/AIDS. The grants were made under the competitive portion of HUD's \$204 million Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS 1998 program.

The Vice President further stated, "Without our help, many would be forced to live in unfit housing or become homeless. These grants will mean that people fighting AIDS won't have to also fight to keep a roof over their heads."

HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo added "We all know about the terrible toll of illness and death caused by the AIDS virus. On top of this, AIDS often destroys the financial health of those with the disease as well, hitting them with huge medical bills and leaving them too sick to work."

Secretary Cuomo said that 16 of the grants were selected as models in planning, design, management and evaluation of housing and related assistance as Special Projects of National Significance. Four grants will help develop long-term comprehensive strategies for assistance in areas of the country that do not receive HOPWA formula allocations.

The commitment of these program resources will reach an estimated 6,106 persons with a form of housing assistance and 10,206 persons with some form of supportive services, that help enable the family to remain in their home or participate in other housing programs. The community recipients have committed over \$31.4 million in other funds and volunteer contributions as leveraging that expands the Federal funds by 156% percent.

MODEL HIV/AIDS PROJECTS

Community Partnerships – Housing Assistance and Related Services

Special Projects of National Significance

✓ **The Santa Fe Community Housing Trust (SFCHT)**, in coordination with the Northern New Mexico People Living with AIDS Coalition,

South West Care Center and Santa Fe Cares will create Re-Entry Housing strategies. The project will serve the Santa Fe metropolitan area and will address emerging issues for treating HIV/AIDS as a chronic disability. The program aims to serve 27 persons living with HIV/AIDS through housing assistance and social services, as well as 50

family members. An additional 65 persons will access supportive services.

Special Projects of National Significance Awards

Grant Recipient	Grant Service Area	Award Amount
Santa Fe Community Housing Trust	City and County of Santa Fe, NM	\$ 1,080,000
AIDS Task Force of Alabama, Inc.	35 rural counties outside metropolitan Birmingham AL	1,118,150
City of Key West, FL, Community Development Office	Florida Keys/Monroe County, FL	1,150,000
Cornerstone Services, Inc.	Joliet/Will County IL	615,967
AIDS Housing Corporation	Metropolitan Boston, MA	1,143,261
Bailey House, Inc.	Metropolitan New York City	979,834
Whitman-Walker Clinic, Inc.	Metropolitan Washington, DC	1,080,000
Spokane County, WA, Community Services Department	20 counties in eastern and central WA	1,150,000
UNITY for the Homeless	New Orleans, LA	1,132,412
Calcutta House	Metropolitan Philadelphia, PA	1,055,500
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin	State-wide Wisconsin	1,070,524
City of Savannah, GA, Bureau of Public Development	Metropolitan Savannah, GA	1,087,000
Harbor Homes Inc.	Greater Nashua/Hillsborough County, NH	347,548
Baltimore City, Dept. of Housing and Community Development	Baltimore, MD	1,150,000
Lexington-Fayette Urban Co. Government, KY, Division of Community Development	Lexington-Fayette County and eastern KY	1,144,060
Harris County, TX, Community Development Agency	Metropolitan Houston, TX (partial amount 83.5% of 1,079,268)	901,109
16 SPNS Grants		\$ 16,205,365

NOTE: Partial amount is due to the amount available to be awarded in this competition

SFCHT's project has a three-tiered plan for support: Re-entry training, housing stabilization and credit counseling. Re-entry services will include job training, training on workplace and financial issues, and counseling to integrate the demands of the new medical regimen. The housing stabilization component will assist participants in obtaining homeownership through consumer education and independent financial reviews. The project combines innovative financing and direct subsidies in a home purchase assistance plan. Short term first mortgages have been leveraged 1:7 with private funds with agreements by area banks. A tenant-based rental assistance component will escrow funds to assist with home purchase. Credit repair and counseling will teach the skills and technical assistance needed to help in re-establishing financial security.

Resources from this innovative program include the *Phoenix Rising HIV/AIDS Re-entry*

Resource Guide which will be available to all participants. The program will also produce a video documentary to be used for future projects of this nature. Policy direction, marketing, outreach and program oversight are provided by the HIV/AIDS Planning and Steering Committee. This Steering committee is a coalition of 12 agencies representing over 50 public and private care providers and consumer organizations which will assist in implementing this grant. Contact: Sharron Welsh, 505-989-3960.

✓ **The Alabama Rural AIDS Project (ARAP)** targets the population of 35 most rural Alabama counties, which comprise 49% of the state's population. Disproportionate access exists in Alabama due to the vast isolated, rural sections of the state, and ARAP seeks to assist those in the state's 35 most rural counties. ARAP will identify rural persons with AIDS and link them with medical care, supportive services, and/or

housing. The project will reach 300 persons with HIV/AIDS as well as 300 family members with housing and supportive service assistance. An additional 1400 persons will receive links to other outreach services.

This program will employ seven community outreach workers who the project director will train, coordinate and monitor. It is these outreach workers who will link people living with HIV/AIDS in rural areas to existing medical, psychosocial, HIV services and housing providers. The Community Outreach Workers will also serve as educators, encouraging the populations at-risk to be tested for HIV. The program will provide permanent housing and rental assistance centered on empowerment and joint decision making.

ARAP will develop 10 new units of permanent housing within these rural counties. The Community Outreach workers will connect participants with housing through the public housing agencies, 203k program, and referrals to AIDS specific housing in Mobile and Birmingham. Over 30,000 hours of outreach services will be provided. There are six project sponsors including the AIDS Services Center, AIDS Action Coalition, Montgomery AIDS Outreach, Mobile AIDS Support Services, East Alabama AIDS Outreach, and West Alabama AIDS Outreach, as well as other contractual relationships. Contact: Randall Russell, 205-781-6448.

✓ **The City of Key West, in conjunction with AIDS Help, Inc.** as the project sponsor, will use the HOPWA grant to continue their program. Funded three years ago by HOPWA the grant funds direct rental assistance to persons with AIDS in **Monroe County, Florida**. Monroe County is a rural community which consists of the 120-mile archipelago known as the Florida Keys. The 1994 HOPWA SPNS has proved to be remarkably successful in providing a full continuum of care. The previous grant enabled AIDS Help to offer comprehensive continuum of housing options for PWAs in varying circumstances, from emergency shelter to hospice housing while accommodating independent living. The two goals of the expanded program are to maximize independent living with a continuum of care and to encourage maximization of self-determination through a job training program. This HOPWA project will serve 165 persons with HIV/AIDS with housing assistance and social services as well as 30 family members. An additional 300

persons per year will receive social services, for a total of 900 during the grant period.

The rental assistance program is modeled after Section 8, where vouchers may be used in private rental market or in AIDS Help's own residential program. Coupled with rental assistance is a back-to-work program component in which ten clients per year would be eligible to participate in job training and computer education programs offered by the Florida Keys Employment and Training Council. This training will be targeted to participants who are responding well to the protease inhibitors and who wish to return to work, yet are in need of continuing supportive services, assisted housing and medical insurance.

Clients also have access to AIDS Help's Early Intervention Clinic. This Clinic is staffed by a volunteer corps of 150 men and women and provides an individual case manager, in-patient and out-patient care, medications and special alternative therapies, prepared food, food vouchers and transportation services. The Key West initiative is linked to 13 community sponsors as well as the City of Key West Health Department. Contact: Roger Braun: 305-292-1221.

✓ **In Joliet, Illinois, Cornerstone Services, Inc.**, a non-profit, comprehensive social service agency that provides housing, mental health, employment, developmental, educational, and recreational services to persons with disabilities, will receive HOPWA funds to continue their program. Cornerstone has developed a program in collaboration with AIDS Ministry of Illinois, Stepping Stones, and Metro Infectious Disease Consultants to provide permanent housing with supportive services for low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and mental illness, targeting those who are homeless. Building off the previous three years success, this project will expand to provide independent living options with supportive services for sixteen persons with AIDS and mental illness in suburban Will County, Illinois. It is the goal of the program to have the services optimize each participants' potential for occupational achievement, goal setting, skill acquisition and improved quality of life, maximizing independence from institutional care in favor of community and peer support.

Services will include intense case management, counseling and mental health services, substance abuse treatment, daily living skills training, employment services, crisis

intervention, family reunification, education, and socialization and support groups. The project provides rental assistance for housing and participants are able to choose their own permanent housing options.

Combined the project sponsors will provide over \$200,000 in leveraging to further HOPWA dollars in their community. Contact: Bette Reed, 815-741-6743.

✔ The **AIDS Housing Corporation**, a **Boston** based non-profit agency, will expand its successful **SHARE 2000** program. Supported **Housing Agencies Resource Exchange**, (SHARE), is a cooperative partnership designed to address unmet needs of HIV/AIDS housing programs and consumers in the greater Boston area. The SHARE 2000 program was created under a 1995 HOPWA grant and this grant will allow the program to continue for three additional years.

SHARE 2000 addresses the critical needs identified in Boston's Consolidated Plan and Continuum of Care for supportive housing and stabilization services for persons with HIV/AIDS. This approach capitalizes on existing expertise in the HIV/AIDS provider community and to share resources to expand and enhance efficiency and capacity of programs. This statewide program conducts training on area needs assessments and offers a technical assistance and program evaluation component to enable providers throughout Massachusetts to create new housing programs for persons with HIV/AIDS.

There are five components to the SHARE 2000 program: Direct care relief program, staff development program, donations assistance program, staff training program, and HomeStart. SHARE's new component, HomeStart, will forge a partnership of experienced service providers to tend to the direct service needs of homeless persons with HIV/AIDS in the community and to facilitate movement to housing. Approximately 2000 persons will benefit through the SHARE Program.

The AIDS Housing Corporation brings together the expertise and experience of seven agencies which provide housing and services for persons with HIV/AIDS in the Boston area. Collaborating agencies include the AIDS Action Committee, BayCove Human Services, Boston Living Center, Justice Resource Institute, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless and Victory Programs. Contact: Marie Herb, 617-451-2248.

✔ **Bailey House, Inc., a New York City-based**

AIDS housing organization, will provide a Comprehensive Technical Assistance Project (the Project) to 75 of the New York City (NYC) AIDS housing service providers. The program will include support for projects that operate housing placement assistance, congregate, scatter site, SROs and transitional and permanent housing programs in the nation's largest urban setting.

The Comprehensive Technical Assistance Project will have the several components, including: Program Evaluation and Needs Analysis; Vocational/Educational Technical Assistance; Operations Resource Center; Consumer Training Institute; and the use of Regional Organizational Stipends. Program Evaluations will be offered to all AIDS housing providers in metropolitan New York City. Program Evaluations will be used as tools to help provide valuable feedback on how programs are operating and to allow staff, residents and other stakeholders an opportunity to improve their respective programs. Vocational/Educational Technical Assistance will provide technical assistance to AIDS housing programs with the planning and development of vocational/educational (voc/ed) services. This service will assist with voc/ed development within the programs, and linkages to job training programs in the city that are sensitive to HIV+residents. The Operations Resource Center will provide technical assistance services to the operations staff such as property managers, clerical and maintenance staff of these programs to enhance site operations. A joint purchasing coalition will also be established to lower costs and maximize resources.

A fourth component is the Consumer Training Institute which will be developed for residents of all Network members to help residents develop Life Skills and Communal Living Skills; support the development of Client Advisory committees programs; and help identify and train a number of AIDS housing consumers who will develop client skills. A Regional Organizational Stipends program will also be developed as a pool of flexible funds that will be used to meet capacity needs of organizations such as accounting, cash flow management, strategic planning, MIS and other services. Contact: Ryan Chavez (212) 633-2500.

▼ The Whitman Walker Clinic of Washington

DC will implement a comprehensive housing stabilization, placement and aftercare program for the hardest to reach and most at risk HIV/AIDS population. The **Bridge Back Program**, designed to expand and enhance the existing continuum of housing and supportive services, offers a "bridge back" to safe and supportive housing. Bridge Back seeks to optimize and expand existing housing slots as well as provide housing resources, medical, psychiatric and clinical treatments necessary to ensure the well-being of the participants.

The Bridge Back program will serve multiply diagnosed individuals (MDIs) living with HIV and AIDS who are homeless or whose housing is in jeopardy. Bridge Back provides a new gateway for homeless HIV & MDIs to become stabilized and placed into housing, or to stay in their current housing. The approach of the program is a multidisciplinary in design. Participants will be screened and assessed to determine the needed level of care, identify therapeutic intervention to stabilize and to develop a team-based care plan. Next residential and transitional treatment, or stabilization services, will be provided. Finally, the program will offer housing placement assistance and aftercare services. Thirty-four persons will be served with direct housing and an additional 275 persons will benefit from outreach social services.

The Bridge Back program uses the clients personal support system and brings together the expertise and organizational capacities of many housing organizations and agencies serving homeless individuals, mentally ill, substance abusers and or people living with HIV/ AIDS. Collaborating agencies include Building Futures, Community Connections, DC Commission on Mental Health, Joseph's House, Miriam's House, RAP, RIGHT, Safe Haven Ministries, Unity Inc. and the Psychology Institute of Washington DC. Contact: Mary Bahr, 202-797-3515.

Housing and related care are vital components of the national response to the HIV epidemic.

The HOPWA program provides funding for housing and services for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Funds are made available in connection with a community's strategy to link these and other resources in an overall development plan in a manner that helps empower residents to become stakeholders in the use of resources.

Ninety (90) percent of the annual appropriation is allocated by formula to the largest city in eligible metropolitan areas to States based on the number of reported cases of AIDS and metropolitan incidence. Areas qualify if they have at least 1,500 cases of AIDS reported to the CDC by March 31 of the year prior to the award. In FY 1998, 59 metropolitan areas and 29 States qualified for formula grants. A total of \$183.6 million was allocated.

Following public consultations, these 88 jurisdictions described the use of these funds in connection with other HUD and community resources in an annual consolidated plan submission. Summary information on their consolidated plans is available from HUD at <http://www.hud.gov/home.html>.

▼ The Spokane County Community Services

Department (SCCSD) will implement a program designed to deliver services to persons living with HIV/AIDS who reside within twenty eastern Washington state counties. This project, **Washington Regionally Assisted Collaborative Housing, or REACH**, is a comprehensive and collaborative effort aimed at expanding on their previous HOPWA award to meet the housing and related supportive service needs of low-income persons who are living with HIV/AIDS. REACH will serve approximately 350 persons with HIV/AIDS with housing assistance and social services, as well as 133 family members. An additional 25 persons will receive outreach social services.

The REACH program will place client advocates in four "epicenters" throughout the region, located in Spokane, Walla Walla, Wenatchee and Yakima. REACH seeks to develop a seamless, comprehensive continuum of services that will focus on independent living, quality of life, and self-determination for participants. A key component of the program will be the outreach of bilingual client advocates to the Hispanic migrant and seasonal farm workers who reside in the rural communities.

Services to be provided by REACH and its sponsors include emergency, short and long-term rental assistance, supported housing facilities, transportation, child care, dental and counseling services, HIV counseling, HIV testing, client assistance, emergency financial assistance, food bank/meal delivery, and nutritional counseling.

REACH calls for integration and collaboration among all public health agencies, housing authorities, and community based organizations. Over 1.2 million dollars is being leveraged with this project. The SCCSD is teaming up with seven project sponsors to expand the HOPWA program initiated in 1994. Project REACH sponsors include Spokane County Community Services Department, Spokane Regional Health District, Spokane Housing Authority, Chealn County and City of Wenatchee Housing Authority, Yakima County Coalition for the Homeless, Spokane Neighborhood Action Programs, and the Coalition of the Responsible Disabled. Contact: Kesley Kramer, 509-477-5722.

▼ In **New Orleans, Louisiana**, a collaborative inter-agency program for a comprehensive and complimentary range of services will be implemented by **UNITY for the Homeless**. This multi-service umbrella organization will integrate homeless people living with HIV/AIDS into its continuum of care for the homeless population in the metropolitan area. Building upon a successful 1995 HOPWA program, UNITY will collaborate with six sponsors including Project Lazarus, the NO/AIDS Task Force, Volunteers of America, The Pediatric AIDS Program, Belle Reeve, and United Services for AIDS. Tulane University School of Social Work will provide a program evaluation for UNITY. UNITY provides housing and services to 3,465 people with AIDS and 550 of their family members.

This project offers personalized responses to individual needs with the goal of maximizing opportunities for independent living. Supportive services provided include emergency shelter services, transitional rental assistance, permanent housing for those at the end of their illness, itinerant home healthcare and drop-in respite care, mental health counseling, case management, education and outreach, employment and career counseling, and adult day care center as well as substance abuse treatment. The prior program was adjusted with the addition of adult day care and better integration of services for clients.

UNITY for the Homeless was recognized with a Blue Ribbon Award for Continuum of Care Overall Excellence in 1997 and shared the award with the City of New Orleans in 1998. Contact: Peggy Reese, 504-821-4496.

▼ **Calcutta House**, a provider of housing and care for persons with AIDS in **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania** will open an additional facility for PWAs with their HOPWA grant. This project, the Calcutta Community Home, will complement the programs already in place at the Calcutta House. The targeted population for the program are those who have responded well to drug therapies, have a history of mental illness and/or substance abuse, and are in need of supervised and supportive environment to continue their drug regimen and maintain growth towards independence.

The program is the first step in re-engineering the Philadelphia AIDS housing continuum, identified through an extensive needs analysis. Calcutta House seeks to fill the existing gap between independent living and personal care facilities in Philadelphia's AIDS Housing Continuum through the development of Calcutta House. While in Calcutta Home, residents will receive a level of care appropriate to assist them in maintaining their health while providing them with access to supportive services necessary to achieve independence.

The Calcutta Community Home will house eight persons at one time and it is estimated that 32 persons will be assisted through the direct housing program in the grant cycle. Services to be provided, in addition to housing, include case management, mental health and substance abuse referrals, transportation, nutritional services, job training/placement, referrals to independent living, and assistance in the maintenance of drug regimens. Personal care of residents living in the Community Home is supervised and coordinated by a registered nurse and a home health aide is on duty twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Supportive service linkages will be provided by Action AIDS, MANNA, COHMAR, WHEELS, Hospice of Visiting Nurse Association, Gaudenzia Inc., and the North Philadelphia Health System. This effort is a collaboration with the Philadelphia Office of Housing and Community Development. Contact: Sister Joanne Walker, 215-684-0490.

▼ **The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW)** will receive a HOPWA award to provide intensive housing case management. The ARCW will serve 152 Wisconsin residents living with HIV and AIDS who have severe, chronic, alcohol or drug addiction and/or mental health diagnosis which lead to problems with

maintaining permanent, stable housing. This project is designed to fill high priority gaps in local and state Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Plans.

The ARCW will hire four Housing Case Managers, experienced as drug counselors or mental health professionals. These counselors will be located in Milwaukee, Green Bay, Madison and Eau Claire and will serve their geographic regions. Various services will be provided including transportation, job skills training, food and nutrition assistance, legal aid, early intervention health care, benefits counseling, practical assistance and support groups. Housing Case Management will be offered in the program, in two degrees. Intensive Housing Case Management will be offered for the first year, which will include counseling, payee services, rent assistance, alcohol and drug addiction assistance and supportive services. After one year, participants will be moved to Intermediate Housing Case Management where personalized housing counseling, client contact, and mental health and alcohol and drug addiction assistance will continue but at a lower level of intensity.

ARCW will collaborate with city and county human service departments, housing authorities, AIDS service providers, AODA treatment centers, social service agencies, food pantries, and transitional housing providers to develop personalized responses to client needs. Contact: Doug Nelson, 414-225-1516.

✓ The **City of Savannah, Georgia**, with Union Mission Inc. as the project sponsor, will coordinate efforts to implement “**Project House Call**”. As a component of the Savannah-Chatnam AIDS Continuum of Care, this program focuses on prevention of homelessness and preservation of housing by enabling persons living with HIV/AIDS to receive home-based healthcare to connect clients to supportive services at a central site. Establishing these services will help in meeting the growing demand of home-based needs and will ensure access to service based on proximity to established housing.

In connection with the Phoenix House transitional housing facility and rental assistance under the Tenant Independence Project, this “one-stop shop” will serve 2090 AIDS-impacted persons in the Savannah area with centralized supportive services. 500 persons with HIV/AIDS will receive housing and services

along with 450 family members. Another 1140 persons with HIV/AIDS will be served through supportive service programs.

The project will implement “house calls”, home based interventions allowing for participants to maintain their current permanent housing. The community-based clinic will focus on serving up to 75 persons in the neighborhood with an initial assessment and referral. Initial assessments, limited lab services, primary care, access to medications will be provided by the staff of nurses. The project services include legal services, education outreach, rehabilitation of homes, education sessions, transportation, nutritional services, medical assessment and care, discharge planning from medical facilities and housing information services.

Collaborators for this project include Georgia Legal Services Programs, Chatham County Health Department, Hospice Savannah, Open Arms, Chatham-Savannah Youth Futures Authority, Memorial Medical Center, St. Joseph's' Health System, Project Azuka, and the Department of Children and Family Services. Contact: Michael Elliott: 912-236-7423.

✓ **Harbor Homes**, a provider of community housing programs specializing in supportive and permanent housing for persons living with chronic mental illness, including homeless, will coordinate a HOPWA grant program with the Southern New Hampshire HIV-AIDS Task Force (SNHATF). This grant will assist individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS including multiply diagnosed or homeless individuals in the greater Nashua/Hillsborough county area of **Southern New Hampshire**. The grant will serve 90 persons with HIV/AIDS and 30 family members with short-term housing assistance and long-term social services. An additional 110 persons will receive outreach social services.

The primary objective of the program is to assist PLWAs to maintain or obtain their choice of housing in a manner that prevents or interrupts the cycle of homelessness. Two significant components of the program are a housing advocate and availability of financial assistance for rent, mortgage and utility payments. Services offered include individual and group counseling for mental health and substance addiction, funding for inpatient and outpatient detoxification, case management, nutritional counseling, linkages assistance, and assistance with entitlement benefits. The project will also provide coordination with traditional and

alternative therapy providers to ensure a holistic approach, including massage services, dietitian, exercise trainer, and primary care providers.

This program coordinates services with the HIV & Public Health Clinic, HIV/STD Counseling and Testing Site, Medical Case Consultation, Child Wellness & Immunization Clinic, and Street Outreach. Partners for the project include 19 non-profit agencies, ministries, and state/county departments. Contact: Peter Kelleher: 603-881-8436.

▼ **The Baltimore Department of Housing and**

Community Development will establish the “**Back to Basics**” program. A staff of four family focus teams will implement an empowerment and enrichment model designed to provide the basic needs of housing, food and clothing. Through the Back to Basics program families who have traditionally fallen out of service will have the opportunity to build the skills and resources necessary to become and remain independent. Once basic needs are met, the groundwork is laid to empower the family to develop the resources and skills to access the necessary healthcare and services to function as a unit, to maintain housing and economic stability. Approximately 100 individuals will receive housing and social service assistance, as well as 180 family members.

Back to Basics services include case management, nutritional and food resources, temporary cash assistance, medical assistance, supportive housing beds, emergency funds, housing and mortgage assistance, healthcare, substance abuse treatment, legal services, education and job training, child care, respite and hospice care. Linkages to community resources will be established in order to maintain each family in the most appropriate and least restrictive environment. Community based agencies collaborating in this effort include Health Education Resource Organization (HERO), Sisters Together and Reaching (STAR), You are Never Alone (YANA), Movable Feast, BCDSS and HDC/Office of Homeless Services. Families in Back to Basics will also establish a forum that promotes the interchange of ideas and implementation of new approaches responsive to the needs of HIV/AIDS impacted families. Contact: Leslie Leitch, 410-396-3757.

▼ In **Kentucky**, HOPWA funds are awarded for a program designed to enhance and expand on a 1994 HOPWA award to the **Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG)** in coordination with AIDS Volunteers Inc. The grant will provide three year operational support for a transitional living facility and a community residence. 60 persons will benefit from the transitional housing facility, an additional 45 persons in the community residence, with a total of 600 persons served throughout the three year program.

The program targets the traditionally underserved in the 63-county central/southeast Kentucky including those just released from jail, alcohol, or drug recovery programs, persons at the end stages of AIDS and those individuals with acute medical episode who require recuperation time. The program is based on a state-wide needs assessment undertaken by AIDS Volunteers Inc. in 1997.

Two project components comprise this initiative. First, is a transitional housing program (*Rainbow Apartments*) which responds to persons with HIV/AIDS who are homeless, displaced, and in need of social services. An on-site social worker/resident manager provides case management, as well as transportation, good nutrition, healthcare, medication, vocational rehabilitation, job training skills, mental health services, community resources and volunteer services. Participants successfully exiting the program will be assisted with permanent housing.

A second component is the community residence (*Soloman House*) to accommodate individuals who require personal care, supervision and social services following an acute medical episode or who are at the end of their disease. A six-bedroom residence, Soloman House has 24 hour certified nursing assistants on call. Individual assistance with daily living, medication monitoring and good nutrition will be the key services offered at Soloman House. This residence also provides short term housing for those who need lodging while receiving medical care, as some might travel 200+ miles for medical assistance.

AVOL and LFUCG will coordinate with the Lexington-Faith County Health Department, Cumberland Valley Health District, Community Ministries and the Hospice of the Blue Grass to implement a successful rural initiative. Contact: Irene Gooding: 606-258-3079.

The efforts undertaken by these cities, states and non-profit organizations demonstrate a strong commitment to care-giving in response to the growing HIV epidemic. The Department has made a strong emphasis on working together with the nonprofit sector governments at all levels, and citizens to better address area needs. An essential part of any partnership is learning from each other, understanding our challenges, and sharing our solutions to common issues. The selected projects are addressing the emerging challenges and offer potential solutions for other communities in addressing area needs with holistic and comprehensive approaches.

Secretary Andrew Cuomo

✓ In the metropolitan **Houston** area, **Project Open Doors** is a grant to be implemented by the **Harris County Community Development Agency** with its HOPWA award. This project focuses on housing for pregnant young women with HIV and AIDS who are in unstable housing or homeless. Project Open Doors will provide outreach, centralized information and housing to allow for a step by step transition to less intensive support and family unification. The project will serve 36 youths with housing assistance and 36 family members (namely the infants) and an additional 290 youths will be provided outreach social services.

The program has five basic components. First, a centralized hotline and outreach center for HIV/AIDS housing programs will be provided. This outreach will be in the form of billboards, public service announcements, and brochures provided to various street outreach groups listing a single point of contact. Second, services will be integrated with a number of AIDS, youth, and homeless related agencies. The third component is a comprehensive and cultural/gender sensitive housing plan with social and medical services for HIV+ pregnant youth. Each program participant will be enrolled for 26-36 months, receiving pre and post natal care as well transitional housing, foster care, family reunification and on-site therapy services. Services to be provided include access to a

Registered Nurse, life skill straining, remedial education, job training, psychosocial and substance abuse counseling. Clients will also be monitored and assessed for up to eighteen months after leaving the group home. Project Open Doors will also develop data sets and handbooks of the program for distribution.

The project sponsors include Amigo Volunteers in Education Services (AVES), People with AIDS Coalition of Houston, and the Brentwood Community Foundation. Additional project collaborators include University of Texas at Austin Health Center, American Red Cross, MLK Jr. Community Center, Houston Healthcare Solutions, and Baylor College of Medicine. Contact: Bruce Austin, 713-626-5651.

Long-Term Comprehensive Strategies in Non-Formula Areas

✓ This HOPWA grant to the state of **West Virginia**, through the **Governor's office of Economic Opportunity (OEO)**, renews a three-year HOPWA coalition program. The West Virginia Housing and Advocacy Coalition, Inc. is comprised of the Covenant House, Caritas House and Community Network Programs. This grant will assist the coalition in creating a statewide continuum of care collective for persons with AIDS, initiating and developing a long-term strategy plan for West Virginia housing and social service needs for the low-income HIV/AIDS population in the state, as well as developing additional outreach and delivery services to rural communities. Special emphasis will be given to women with HIV and their families, migrant workers and veterans. The Huntington VA Medical Center will provide medical care for veterans with AIDS in conjunction with HOPWA-funded housing and services. This program is designed to build off the programs established in the 1994 HOPWA grant, offering social services to persons with HIV/AIDS and the opportunity to live in their own private homes or sponsored housing. The grant will serve approximately 250 persons with AIDS and 300 family members through housing and social services. Another 400 persons with AIDS will receive outreach social services. The coalition, through five sites based in Charleston, Martinsburg, and Faith Haven, will provide housing contacts and assistance, transportation, HIV/AIDS education, hospice care, technical networking services, substance abuse/mental health treatment, bi-lingual and specialized staff

as well as employment assistance. Computers will also be provided at the social service sites for residents to track treatment and to assist in the development of the state-wide plan to address service gaps.

Additional sponsors include Community Housing Inc., West Virginia Department of Veteran Affairs, Health Right, State of West Virginia, Office of Health and Human Resources, United Way, Faith in Action, and Prevention Strategies. Contact: Essa R. Howard, 304-558-8860.

✓ **The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene** will continue a successful HOPWA program funded in 1995 serving the Eastern Shore and Western Maryland. This program, the **Maryland Rural HOPWA Initiative**, is a comprehensive program designed to prevent homelessness and help low-income persons with HIV/AIDS live

independently, targeting 12 counties. Combining rent subsidies, case management, drug assistance and other supportive services, the program will serve 152 persons with HIV/AIDS and 123 family members. The program will reach an additional 330 persons with HIV/AIDS through supportive services.

Maryland's Rural HOPWA Initiative will provide tenant-based rental assistance with deep and shallow subsidies, short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments. The approach is three-fold. First the program will continue housing assistance and supportive service to prevent homelessness. Two new components are a regional case management approach to maximize coordination and individualization of service delivery in the spread out rural areas and temporary drug assistance. Two regional

Long-Term Project Awards

Grant Recipient	Grant Service Area	Award Amount
State of West Virginia, Office of Economic Opportunity	State-wide West Virginia	\$ 863,273
Maryland Department of Health and Mental Health, AIDS Administration	12 rural counties outside of metropolitan Baltimore and Washington DC	1,100,000
Vermont Housing and Conservation Board	State-wide Vermont	1,106,362
New Hampshire Dept. of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Support and Long Term Care	State-wide New Hampshire (except Hillsborough County)	875,000
4 Long-Term Grants		\$ 3,944,635

NOTE: Projects are located in areas that did not qualify for HOPWA formula allocations in FY 98.

case managers positions will be created, improving direct case management services for participants. The continuation of the program will see the expansion of case manager functions providing a cost-effective and personalized approach, rather than the previous method of sponsors receiving funds and implementing services directly.

The program will also establish a regional HIV drug assistance program to pay for prescriptions for those waiting for their prescription entitlements to be approved by the state. Other social services to be provided in the initiative include transportation, nutritional supplements and food, payments for emergency and unanticipated medical appointments. Project collaborators include the Maryland Department of Housing and Community

Development, Dorchester County Department of Social Services, Washington County Department of Social Services and the 12 participating county Health Departments. Contact: Charles Browne III: 410-767-5072.

✓ **The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board** will continue a highly successful 1995 HOPWA long-term project with these HOPWA funds. The 1995 program established an eleven bed independent living facility in Burlington. The program will now expand and offer additional services as well as affordable housing to very low-income persons living with HIV and AIDS and their families throughout the state of Vermont based on an assessment and consumer input. This HOPWA project supports

long-term rental assistance, short-term emergency assistance in order to alleviate financial crises related to housing and utilities, service coordination and access to other facilities. 175 persons with HIV/AIDS will be served as well as 100 of their family members. An addition 50 participants will receive outreach social services.

As one sponsor, the Vermont State Housing Authority will operate a rental assistance program for 45 households. Emergency assistance in the forms of payments of utility bills, rental deposits, and rent supplements will be provided as well. The program also calls for intensive case management in the under-served and rural areas of Vermont. Case managers will develop, record and implement a personalized plan of care for each client, conduct on-going progress reviews and assist with housing referrals and placement. Comprehensive surveys will also be distributed and state-wide standards used to provide for quality assurance. Other services provided are systems advocacy, skills development, psycho-educational support, isolation reduction and social integration.

With over 15 sponsors, the Vermont project brings together various social service agencies, the State Health Departments, community and county Land Trusts, as well as Vermont Hospitals. All work together under the Vermont HIV/AIDS Care Continuum. Contact: Joanne LaTuchie, 802-828-3254.

▼ **The Office of Community Support and Long Term Care in the Department of Health and Human Services of the State of New Hampshire**, in conjunction with Merrimack Valley AIDS Project and Harbor Homes, will work together to provide case management, housing, and access to affordable housing to persons living with HIV/AIDS. This project targets seven New Hampshire counties including Belknap, Carroll, Coos, Grafton, Merrimack, Strafford and Rockingham. The efforts of the non-profit housing developers, AIDS Service organizations, and the state are joined collectively to develop and implement a model long term strategy for housing opportunities. It is estimated that 186 persons with AIDS and 70 family members will receive housing and case management. An additional 144 persons will benefit from outreach supportive services.

The partners in the project carry out distinctive roles. Harbor Homes is the technical

consultant for this project as it relates to expanding special needs and affordable housing opportunities for persons with HIV/AIDS. The Merrimack Valley AIDS Project (MVAP) will develop additional housing through leasing activities, encouraging flexibility. The overall program will provide clients with interventions to obtain and maintain safe, affordable housing. Up to 55 rental units will be made available in the program. All activities of this initiative focus on attaining and maintaining quality of life and independent living.

Services provided include case management, transportation, short term housing, relocation, access to doctors, dental, assistance with benefits, employment training, and 24 hour on call social services. Community meetings in conjunction with the State of New Hampshire, OCSLTC, and the Division of Public Health will be conducted to ensure the success of the program. Additional collaborators on this project include the Office of Family Services (HHS), Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Heritage Health Care Management, New Hampshire AIDS Foundation, and AIDS Services. Contact: Phyllis Powell, 603-271-5059.

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Protection from Discrimination

In 1996, HUD's Secretary issued a Directive on HIV/AIDS to help ensure that all of HUD's programs are available in the community to assist clients. The Directive noted that it is illegal to discriminate against a person because of a real or perceived disability. HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) stands ready to investigate cases where

individuals with AIDS or HIV infection, or individuals perceived to have AIDS or HIV infection, have been subjected to discrimination in housing. FHEO assists persons who believe they have been or may be subjected to discrimination in understanding their rights. FHEO will work with the Department of Justice to apply all pertinent measures (e.g. temporary restraining orders, injunctive relief) to facilitate prompt resolution of conciliation or other means of dispute resolution are not successful.

HUD's field offices are directed to make appropriate referrals to FHEO in one of its ten Enforcement Centers and to other agencies (i.e. State Attorneys General Offices) to meet the needs of consumers living with HIV infection and AIDS. The FHEO Office of Investigations may be contacted at 1-800-669-0777, via any HUD office or at Headquarters at 202-708-0836. The Federal Information Relay Service TTY number is 1-800-877-8339.

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